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STAFFDEL ROGOVIN

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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL ROGOVIN

1. THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON FOR SEVERAL MONTHS CONCERNING THE COMMITTEE'S INVESTIGATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SPECIFICALLY THE SELECT COMMITTEE IS DESIROUS OF INTERVIEWING WITNESSES INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION BY SCOTLAND YARD INTO THE ACTIVITIES OF JAMES EARL RAY. THE BRITISH EMBASSY ESTABLISHED A CONTACT BETWEEN THE COMMITTEE AND SCOTLAND YARD: JOHN NEWING, ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPT. THROUGH TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION WITH SCOTLAND YARD THE SELECT COMMITTEE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE THREE STAFF MEMBERS PROCEED TO LONDON AND THROUGH SCOTLAND YARD TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO INTERVIEW CERTAIN WITNESSES. THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MISSION FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE WILL INCLUDE: PROFESSOR CHARLES H. ROGOVIN, SPECIAL COUNSEL; EDWARD M. EVANS, CHIEF INVESTIGATOR, AND ROBIN D. LINDLEY, STAFF COUNSEL.

2. ITINERARY:

LINDLEY:

JULY 21 - LV WASH 2030 PA-106 AR LONDON 0830 JULY 22

AUG. 12 - LV LONDON 1040 PA-107 AR WASH 1400

ROGOVIN:

JULY 29 - LV PHILADELPHIA 1735 TWA-754 AR LONDON 0655

JULY 30

AUG. 12 - LV LONDON 1200 NOON BEA-271 AR PHILADELPHIA 1630

EVANS:

JULY 29 - LV WASH 2030 PA-106 AR LONDON 0830 JULY 30

AUG. 5 - LV LONDON 1040 PA-107 AR WASH 1400

3. PLEASE ADVISE WHOM IN THE EMBASSY LINDLEY SHOULD
CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL JULY 22.

4. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THIS
COMMITTEE FOR OVER A YEAR AND IN THE PROCESS HAS MADE
SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISITS TO OTHER COUNTRIES. THE
COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN UNIFORMLY COOPERATIVE
WITH THE EMBASSIES AND DISCREET IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH
THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND OTHER CONTACTS. AT THE SAME
TIME THE DEPARTMENT HAS RESPECTED THEIR DISINCLINATION TO
SHARE WITH US THE SUBSTANCE OF THEIR WORK.

5. WHILE MR. LINDLEY PLANS TO CONTACT EMBASSY UPON
ARRIVAL JULY 22, HE WILL BE ON PRIVATE TRAVEL IN THE UK
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FROM JULY 22 TO JULY 30. HE, PROF. ROGOVIN AND MR. EVANS
WILL MEET IN LONDON JULY 30. PROF. ROGOVIN HAS A
RESERVATION AT THE COMMODORE HOTEL (50-52 LANCASTER GATE,
LONDON W-2, TEL. 402-5291) FOR JULY 30 AND 31. REQUEST
EMBASSY RESERVE TWO SINGLES FOR SAME PERIOD AT COMMODORE
FOR MESSRS. LINDLEY AND EVANS AND CONFIRM. STAFFDEL
EXPECTS TO MOVE INTO OTHER ACCOMMODATION AFTER JULY 30
(ROGOVIN ATTEMPTING TO SECURE A FLAT) AND WILL ADVISE
EMBASSY OF ITS LOCATION AFTER ARRIVAL.

6. AUTHORIZATION WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL. CHRISTOPHER

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